WANTED!!

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN, 19-35, to train as evangelists in the Church Army.

Qualifications :

An awareness of God's call to serve Him as an evangelist.
Communicant member of the Church of England.
Ability to apply oneself to 2 years' intensive study.
Willingness to serve anywhere in Australia.

Write to : The Candidates' Secretary, P.O. Box 107,
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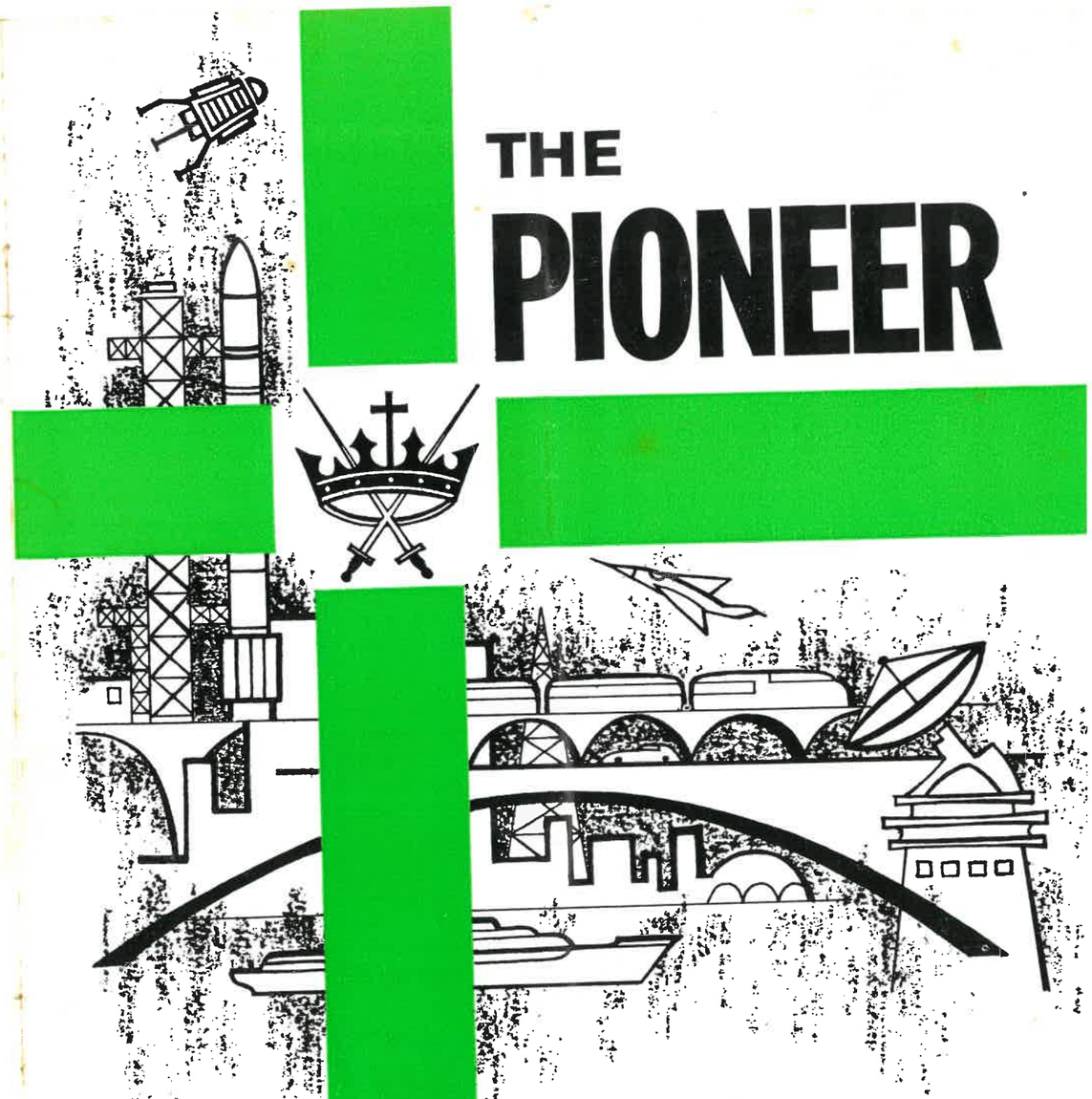

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News and Notes (Continued)

TO NEW ZEALAND : The Green Valley Children's Choir, conducted by Captain Rex Harris, has become very well known over the past few years, and recently, its members have taken their talents further afield. During the August/September school holidays, the 60-strong Choir, aged from 8-18, with stage and lighting hands, and a number of parents, flew to New Zealand.

Through the Church Army in New Zealand, concerts were presented in 6 cities and towns in the two Islands.

The purpose of their performances ? — to present Jesus Christ and their faith in Him through a ministry of song.

SYNODS : Over the past few months, Sister Pat Free has represented the Church Army at Diocesan Synods in Bathurst, Armidale and Brisbane. By the time you read this issue, the Federal Secretary, Captain Gwilt, will have been the Missionary Speaker at Grafton Diocesan Synod, in September. Captain Gwilt has also been invited to be the preacher at the Synod Eucharist in Grafton.

The purpose of these visits ? — to "stir up" more interest in and support of the Church Army, on a diocesan level, in parishes and in individuals. A lot of interest has been shown, too, in our Christian Advance material, for laity training.

NEED A SPEAKER ?

for your youth fellowship, Sunday School, women's group or other parish organisation. — CONTACT the Church Army Federal Office.

Although no officers may be working in your area, someone may be visiting the district during 1975 or 1976. Sydneysiders may telephone the Office 451 8395.

Looking to the Future . . .

Your Legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will.

"I give to the Church Army in Australia *

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and I declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.

EVANGELISM IS OUR MINISTRY . . .

As our Lord Jesus Christ called His disciples to be fishers of men, so I believe that He has called me.

I find it tremendously enjoyable, though sometimes a very hard calling. I want to share with people about the Lord Jesus and His love for all people as individuals, and to tell them that they can have a vital and meaningful relationship with God through Christ.

Sometimes I find myself very much afraid to share Christ with others. I may know all the ways of how to share my faith, but without prayer for those whom the Lord has prepared and prayer for boldness to proclaim Christ, I seem quite powerless. God is teaching me to depend on Him, for, by His Spirit working in and through us and in those to whom we proclaim Christ, people are brought to a relationship with Him.

I love to share my faith with others as it is what Christ Himself would have me do, and it is vital that people come to know and develop a relationship with Christ.

I have only been a Christian for 3½ years and find that it is a very hard life. Christ said, "The gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to Life." The hard things in life, I find, develop me as a person (a vessel fit for the Master's use).

My prayer is that others would know and walk with Christ. Then and only then will they find the true meaning of this life here on earth.

William Just.

On the streets at King's Cross, one can see the loneliness of people and the delusion in many people's lives. All the bright and colourful lights, the sex shops and strip clubs, which the Cross is noted for, are what many people revolve their lives around. Being able to go into such places without being hampered is what many people call "freedom." They are actually caught up in a web, that is slowly strangling them, because their emphasis in life lies in a materialistic world.

The attitude of many is "what can I gain ?" or "how can I enjoy myself here ?" There are others who have tried everything and end up lonely and depressed, asking "what is the purpose to life ?" And it is to these people that the Lord has called me, as well as others, to share the "good news" that Jesus Christ is the answer to life and that He calls us to "repent and believe."

In my training, besides the theoretical side, emphasis is placed on practical work, both within and outside a Parish situation. This year I have been doing my practical training at St. John's Darlinghurst, under the guidance of the Rev. Bernard Gook. My work is mainly personal and includes visiting, assisting in the Sunday School and street witnessing.

The latter, I find, is a tremendous blessing, as we are able to share the Gospel with many people in the streets. At times the situation may become a little uneasy, but one learns to rely on the Lord more and more and this helps us to mature in the Christian life.

Personally, I have found the training to be of great benefit, in practical work and study, and in helping me to grow in the Lord, and for this I "Praise Him."

2 Timothy 2:15. John Harding.

William Just & John Harding

Calendar and Points for Prayer

The following is a suggested Calendar for Prayer, for use over a period of 30 days.

Day 1 : The Executive Board of the Church Army (names on page 2), four Standing Committees of the Board — the bi-monthly meetings.

Day 2 : Captain & Mrs. K. J. Cullen, Anthony, Parish of Forbes, N.S.W. Pray for outreach ministry to those who work at the Abattoir.

Day 3 : Captain F. D. Clarke, Officer in charge of Training College, Belrose, N.S.W., Students of the Training College : Flo Herman, Lynn Bullard, Chris Thiele, John Harding, Trevor Brooks (for Australia), Roy Argent and Will Just (for New Zealand).

Day 4 : Sister E. N. Bacon, leave of absence, Colac, Vic.

Day 5 : Captain W. R. Darnley, Parish of Gladstone, Qld.

Day 6 : Captain K. A. Donaldson, Parish of Scarborough, W.A.

Day 7 : Sister N. J. Bridges, Matron, Farr House Home for Girls, Springfield, S.A.

Day 8 : Captain & Mrs. R. G. Eland, Lance and Paul, Youth Work in Parish of Shellharbour, N.S.W.

Day 9 : Captain & Mrs. L. T. Fernance, Faith, Parish of Emmaville, N.S.W.

Day 10 : Sister E. Campbell, Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.

Day 11 : Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary, Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, Stephen, Andrew & Timothy, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 12 : Captain & Mrs. R. J. Harris, Glenda and Kerrie, Youth Work in Green Valley, N.S.W.

Day 13 : Sister L. Dorrington, Parish of Mount Gambier, S.A.

Day 14 : Captain & Mrs. D. W. Hinchliffe, Parish of Dapto, N.S.W.

Day 15 : Captain & Mrs. J. W. Joy, Heather, Parish of Kingsford, N.S.W.

Day 16 : Sister P. A. Free, Staff Sister, Belrose, N.S.W.

Day 17 : Captain & Mrs. R. C. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Parish of Randwick, N.S.W.

Day 18 : Captain & Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew and Ruth, Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement, Nth. Qld.

Day 19 : Sister J. Leslie, Parish of Waratah, N.S.W.

Day 20 : Captain & Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick and Stuart, Parish of Campbelltown, N.S.W.

Day 21 : Sister J. Midwinter, Parish of Penrith, N.S.W.

Day 22 : Captain J. A. McKnight, "Alternative Culture" groups evangelism, Binna Burra, N.S.W.

Day 23 : Captain N. A. Payne, Manager, the Church Army Bookshops, Newcastle and Grafton, N.S.W., Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark and Elizabeth.

Day 24 : Captain A. Polgen, Tranby Co-op College for Aborigines, Glebe, N.S.W.

Day 25 : Sister B. J. Rilatt, New Housing Area of Lockridge/Eden Hill, W.A.

Day 26 : The Rev. Captain N. Polgen, St. George's Homes, Rockhampton, Qld.

Day 27 : Captain D. O. Quayle, Industrial Evangelist, in 3 factories in Sydney, N.S.W.

Day 28 : Captain & Mrs. M. Tobin, Julie and Deborah, Parish of Cootamundra, N.S.W.

Day 29 : Captain & Mrs. R. G. Wallis, Mark, Parish of North Rockhampton, Qld.

Day 30 : Retired officers and wives : The Rev. & Mrs. A. W. Batley, Captain & Mrs. C. Fisk, Sister G. A. Phillpot, Sister M. Pritchard, Mrs. J. S. Cowland, Sister I. B. Johnson (part-time hospital work).

Evangelism is our Ministry (Continued)

It's really great to be able to share Jesus Christ with people. Often we face problems, but when we are doing His work, we find that He equips us for all situations. All the students here at the Training College find that God is using them in all sorts of situations — Sunday Schools, youth groups, preaching, personal work, hospital visiting, home visitation, Bible studies, confirmation classes, street witnessing and taking services.

In all these situations we praise God, finding He is answering our prayers in marvellous ways and using us to His Glory.

Chris Thiele.

NEWS and NOTES...

BOARD NEWS : Recently, the Executive Board has undergone some changes. Dr. L. Loewenthal has resigned as a member of the Board and the Rev. K. Le'Huray (Rector of Kingsford Parish) has been welcomed as a new member.

Mr. R. H. Boyt, a solicitor, and a parishioner of Holy Trinity Church, Kingsford, is acting Chairman of the Board, until the next Annual General Meeting in January, 1976.

FROM NEW ZEALAND : The Federal Office and Training College were visited recently by Captain and Mrs. John Dewdney, of the New Zealand Church Army. Captain Dewdney is Director of the Society there, and travels to Sydney each year to meet with his own students at the Training College and to give lectures to the whole group.

This year's trip was a little different, though. Captain Dewdney is an English Officer and visited Australia following some furlough spent with the Church Armies in the United States, Canada, Belize, the West Indies, England and East Africa. He and his wife also visited Australians, Captain Ken Donaldson and Sister Bev Rilatt (in Perth), and Sister Bridges (in Adelaide) on their way home.

At a gathering of some officers and friends in early August, they shared news and some impressions of their trip.

A MINI FETE ! Earlier this year, Sister Campbell, and some of the people of Riverwood Parish where she works, decided to run a Mini Fete to raise funds for the Church Army. "Just a small function," they said, "to bring in a few dollars."

The "small function," on the 9th August, grew quite a lot, and the "few dollars" became $608.39.

Many thanks to Sister Campbell, the Rector of Riverwood (the Rev. John Lance), the people of the Parish, local officers and others who helped to make the day such a success.

POSTAGE : The increased postal charges, as from the 1st September, could be crippling for small organisations like the Church Army.

Therefore, may we appeal to those who require receipts for donations to send stamped addressed envelopes with their contributions ?

BIRTHDAY APPEAL : We would like to thank all those who responded to our recent 41st Birthday Appeal. Thanks, in particular, to those who requested that we not send them a receipt, and to those who sent anonymous donations.

At the time of going to print, the total for the Appeal is $2,609.

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